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| UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) | Attorney Docket No. | |
| | First Inventor | Paul Murrell |
| | Title | Two Octave and a Perfect Fourth Open String Range Stringed Instrument |
| | Express Mail Label No. | |

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| APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. | ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231 |
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 9]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
 - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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 - ii. ☐ paper
 - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

- | ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS | |
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| 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> | 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney |
| 11. <input type="checkbox"/> | English Translation Document (if applicable) |
| 12. <input type="checkbox"/> | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations |
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☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: _____
 Prior application information: Examiner: _____ Group Art Unit: _____

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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Application Number
Filing Date July 9, 2003
First Named Inventor Paul Murrell
Examiner Name
Group Art Unit
Attorney Docket No.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:
Deposit Account Number 1262 2/04
Deposit Account Name
☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:
☐ Check ☒ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

| 1. BASIC FILING FEE | | Large Entity Small Entity | | Fee Fee | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|------------------------|--|-----------------|----------|
| Code (\$) | | Code (\$) | | | | | |
| 101 | 710 | 201 | 355 | Utility filing fee | | | 355 |
| 106 | 320 | 206 | 160 | Design filing fee | | | |
| 107 | 490 | 207 | 245 | Plant filing fee | | | |
| 108 | 710 | 208 | 355 | Reissue filing fee | | | |
| 114 | 150 | 214 | 75 | Provisional filing fee | | | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) | | | | | | | 355 |

| 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES | | Extra Claims | | Fee from below | | Fee Paid |
|---------------------|--|--------------|---|----------------|--|----------|
| Total Claims | | -20** = | X | | | |
| Independent Claims | | -3** = | X | | | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | | | |

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | |
| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 80 | 202 | 40 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 270 | 204 | 135 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 | 80 | 209 | 40 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

| 3. ADDITIONAL FEES | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|----------|
| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 390 | 216 | 195 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 890 | 217 | 445 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,390 | 218 | 695 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,890 | 228 | 945 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 310 | 219 | 155 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 310 | 220 | 155 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 270 | 221 | 135 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,240 | 241 | 620 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,240 | 242 | 620 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 440 | 243 | 220 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 600 | 244 | 300 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 710 | 246 | 355 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 710 | 249 | 355 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 710 | 279 | 355 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
| Other fee (specify) _____ | | | | | |
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| SUBTOTAL (3) | | | | | (\$) |

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July 8, 2003

Dear Examiner:

Would you please have the prior art references from my patent, Murrell 6,365,808 transmitted to the attached patent application?

Off the record, enclosed is a demo of the above mentioned patented guitar.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Murrell".

Paul Murrell